

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for comparing free time for members of a chat, comprising:

storing individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat
and at least one person who is not a member of the chat;

initiating a free time comparison in response to an actuation of a selection mechanism via a chat interface, the chat interface comprising a chat area for displaying a dialog between the members of the chat; ~~and~~

combining the individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat into a free time summary calendar, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates at least one of free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat and conflict time periods during which at least two chat members simultaneously have an event scheduled; and

enlarging the chat interface and displaying the free time summary calendar adjacent to the chat area of the chat interface.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates free time periods and conflict time periods in a format selected from the group consisting of a day view format, week view format, and month view format.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods and conflict time periods during a predetermined time span.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the month view indicates free days during which there is at least one simultaneously available free time period for all of the members of the chat, and conflict days during which there are no simultaneously available free time periods for all of the members of the chat.

7. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

switching between the day view format, week view format, and month view format.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for comparing free time for members of a chat, comprising:

a storage unit for storing individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat and at least one person who is not a member of the chat;

a system for initiating a free time comparison in response to an actuation

of a selection mechanism via a chat interface, the chat interface comprising a chat area for displaying a dialog between the members of the chat;

a free time summary calendar system for combining the individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat into a free time summary calendar, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates at least one of free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat and conflict time periods during which at least two chat members simultaneously have an event scheduled; and

a display for displaying the free time summary calendar, wherein the chat interface is enlarged and the free time summary calendar is displayed adjacent to the chat area of the chat interface.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates free time periods and conflict time periods in a format selected from the group consisting of a day view format, week view format, and month view format.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods and conflict time periods during a predetermined time span.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the month view indicates free days during which there is at least one simultaneously available free time period for all of the members of the chat, and conflict days during which there are no simultaneously available free time periods for all of the members of the chat.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a computer-readable medium for comparing free time for members of a chat, which when executed comprises:

program code for storing individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat and at least one person who is not a member of the chat;

program code for initiating a free time comparison in response to an actuation of a selection mechanism via a chat interface, the chat interface comprising a chat area for displaying a dialog between the members of the chat;

and

program code for combining the individual calendars corresponding to each member of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat into a free time summary calendar, wherein the free time summary

calendar indicates at least one of free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat and the at least one person who is not a member of the chat and conflict time periods during which at least two chat members simultaneously have an event scheduled; and
program code for enlarging the chat interface and displaying the free time summary calendar adjacent to the chat area of the chat interface.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) The program product of claim 17, wherein the free time summary calendar indicates free time periods and conflict time periods in a format selected from the group consisting of a day view format, week view format, and month view format.

20. (Original) The program product of claim 19, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods and conflict time periods during a predetermined time span.

21. (Original) The program product of claim 19, wherein the day view format and the week view format indicate free time periods that are simultaneously available to all of the members of the chat.

22. (Original) The program product of claim 19, wherein the month view indicates free days during which there is at least one simultaneously available free time

period for all of the members of the chat, and conflict days during which there are no simultaneously available free time periods for all of the members of the chat.

23. (Original) The program product of claim 17, further comprising:

program code for switching between the day view format, week view format, and month view format.